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TRACK SUPPORTED WINCH AND METHOD OF MAKING

THE SAME

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Box Non-Fee Amendment Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

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In response to the Official Action mailed March 31, 1998, please amend the above identified application as follows:

## Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) The method of forming a winch adapted to be supported on a track having a longitudinal axis, a base, and a pair of spaced longitudinally extending track hooks depending from the base in common direction each track hook having a flange spaced from the base wherein the winch is slidably mounted on the track hook flanges, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) forming a flat elongated plate blank having a longitudinal axis, first and second spaced lateral sides, end regions and a central region, a pair of spaced notches defined in said blank first lateral side each defined by end edges transverse